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In re the Application of: **Eiji SATAKE et al.**

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FOR: AQUEOUS DRY LAMINATE ADHESIVE COMPOSITION FOR ARTIFICIAL LEATHER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR ARTIFICIAL LEATHER USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 7, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 9, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 5, between lines 4 and 5, please insert the following paragraph:

The water-borne polyurethane resin (A) used in the present invention is a polyurethane resin having at least two active-hydrogen-atom containing groups and hydrophilic groups. In order to provide the water-borne polyurethane resin having a softening temperature of less than 80°C and to provide the water-borne polyurethane resin having a viscosity of the melt at the softening temperature of less than 10⁵ Pa·s, it is effective to reduce the molecular weight of the water-borne polyurethane resin and a preferable weight average molecular weight of the water-borne polyurethane resin ranges from 2,000 to 200,000, more preferably 3,000 to 100,000.

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